

## Adult Sunday School

<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</b>
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
<b>An Advent Odyssey</b>	<b>December 6, 13 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Room 511</b>
The word Advent comes from the Latin "to come to". The Advent and Christmas stories in Luke and Matthew are full of travel: Of the coming of the angel to Mary; of the visit of Mary to Elizabeth; of the hopeful trip of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; of the arrival of the Christ child; of the approach of the shepherds and magi; of the desperate journey of the new family to Egypt. Gwenn Gebhard, Tom Dunlap and Paul Dornan will bring the power and insight of poetry to our own odyssey to the manger and beyond. Come and read with us!	

## Preaching Schedule

December 13	Christmas Pageant (one service at 11:00 a.m.)
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	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Candle Lighters</b>	Smith Family	Hoffman Family
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ann Davie	Anders Larsson
<b>Tour Guide</b>	John Schultheis	Paul Dornan
<b>Worship Play</b>	Rev. Alice Tewell and Molly Smith	Karen Dunlap

	Counters
<b>December 6</b>	Barbara Dornan and ShuXian McKenna
<b>December 13</b>	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
<b>December 20</b>	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna
<b>December 29</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

<b>Ministers:</b>	The Entire Congregation
<b>Pastor:</b>	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
<b>Parish Associate for Visitation:</b>	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
<b>Director of Planned Giving:</b>	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
<b>Parish Associates:</b>	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
<b>Director of Dance:</b>	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.
<b>Young Adult Volunteer:</b>	Angela Williams; Community Club and Radcliffe Room

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## Opportunities for Service

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, [spencergib@aol.com](mailto:spencergib@aol.com)

**Community Club** – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights, during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org) for more information.

**Food for the Hungry** – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

**New York Avenue Foundation** – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, [nyavefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nyavefoundation@gmail.com)

**Radcliffe Room Ministry** – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, [robinsseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsseleanor@hotmail.com)

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net)

**Triangle Park Committee** – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder ([snyder.richard@gmail.com](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@gmail.com))

**Annual Stewardship** - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshippers and then hang out for about 15-20 minutes after the service to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details visit <http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at [amkootstra@gmail.com](mailto:amkootstra@gmail.com) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

**December 6, 2015**  
**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

*The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.*

**Prelude** “Saxophone Concerto in Eb Major,” Op. 109  
Alexander Glazunov

David Clark, Saxophone

**Introit** “Savior, of the Nations, Come”  
Nun komm, der heiden Heiland

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

## I. The Community Gathers for Worship

\***Call to Worship**

**The Lighting of Advent Candles** 8:45: The Smith Family

**The Candle of Peace** 11:00: The Hoffman Family

**Leader:** The Gospel of Luke speaks about God’s messenger: In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius...the word of God came to John son of Zechariah...He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:1-3)

**All:** **God comes to us through particular people, in particular places and times.**

**Leader:** Our second candle reminds us to look for the light and peace of God in God’s messengers today. Living Christ, give us faith to trust You and hope to follow You.

**All:** **We trust You, we love You, we praise You. Amen.**

\***Opening Hymn**

#88, (verses 1-4), “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
Veni Emmanuel

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, Light of the World, You caused light to shine out of the darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in Your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

\***Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

**\*Response**

#88, *(verse 6)*, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
Veni Emmanuel

**O come, though Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent is here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**\*A Brief Statement of Faith** *(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)*

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4 page 838, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”  
Reginald Heber, 1811, arr. Kirchner  
David Brown, Violin

**Time for Children** *8:45 a.m.* **Rev. Alice Tewell**  
*11:00 a.m.* **Rev. Alice Tewell and Marsha Renwanz**

### Second Lesson

Luke 3:1-6, page 56, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Advent Soap” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#106, “Prepare the Way, O Zion”  
Bereden Vag For Herran

### Concerns of the Church

**Moment for Mission** *8:45 a.m.* **Marilyn Seiber**  
**“Alternative Christmas Giving”** *11:00 a.m.* **Fritz von Fleckenstein**

### Offertory

*8:45 a.m.* \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer  
*11:00 a.m.* “Verbum Caro Factus Est”  
Anonymous, 16th Century Spanish  
Translation: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among  
us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of  
the Father, full of grace and truth.

**\*Response**

#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Thank You, God, for the opportunity to share in Your  
creative and restorative work among people. Because You  
have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings  
express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully  
Your own people. Amen.**

## Service of Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord  
our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe...Therefore we praise You,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every  
time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:*

### Response

“Holy, Holy”  
Holy, Holy (Irregular)  
**Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;  
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

*You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us  
pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:*

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a  
piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.  
Please return to your pew via the side aisles.*

*Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.  
(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)*

### Prayer After Communion

**Eternal God, as You led Your people in ages past, you direct  
our journey into the future. We give You thanks that You  
came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming  
again that his rule may be complete and your righteousness  
reign over all the world. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the  
generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual  
gifts. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Sending Hymn

#83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
Tif In Veldele

- 1 Come, though long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee**
- 2 Israel’s strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;**

**dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.  
3 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude** “Allegro,” from Sonata No. 6  
Arcangelo Corelli  
David Brown, Violin

\*The Call to Worship for this service is by Bryan Wren found in [Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship](#). The Prayer of Confession comes from Chalice Worship (1997), a publication of the Disciples of Christ.

**We wish to thank David Clark and David Brown** for their participation in worship this morning.

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the members of the **Stewardship Committee** by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

**The Peace Candle on the chancel** reminds us to pray for victims of mass shootings across the nation and refugees displaced by terrorism around the world.

### Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary. **On Dec 13, 20, 27 and January 3 please join us for a single service at 11 am.** (Please note the change in time from previous years).

**Assisted Listening:** Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. Please contact Joe Thierry at [jthierry@erols.com](mailto:jthierry@erols.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

**Building Tours:** To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

**Families with Infants and children:** Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30p.m. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play** for ages 3-10. During this worship playtime, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft.